

Text Book Committee.

37. **MR. P. S. MUHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of the members of the Text Book Committee?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The member is referred to page 375 of the Civil List corrected up to 1-10-1116.

Disease of the co-coanut trees.

38. **MR. P. S. MUHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state:
 (a) whether the Director of Agriculture visited the coastal regions between Karunagapally and Ambalapuzha during the current year;
 (b) if so, whether he found any new disease in the co-coanut trees;
 (c) whether he made any report to Government;
 (d) if any report be made, what the report is;
 (e) whether the department enquired into the causes of the disease; and
 (f) whether the department recommended any antidote to the disease?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) Yes.

- (b) There was no new disease.
 (c) No.
 (d) The question does not arise.
 (e) It was found that the cocoanut leaf roller pest *Nephantis Serinopa* had appeared in certain localities.
 (f) Arrangements were immediately made for the release of as many eulophid parasites as possible. Thousands of them have been and are being liberated in the affected centres to bring the pest under control.

Road to Kadakkara from Thottummughom.

39. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunmatnad cum Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representations regarding the repair of the road to Kadakkara from Thottummughom, Chakkarakkadavu; and

(b) if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) & (b) There is no road under P. W. D. maintenance from Thottummughom to Kadakkara. If the member means the road from the 4th mile Parur Chathanad road to Kadakkara, representations have been received about it and the P. W. D. Advisory Committee have suggested that this should wait consideration for the next year.

Oodukur System.

40. **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Special Officer was appointed to investigate and report on the Oodukur system prevailing in the State;

(b) whether he has submitted his report;

[Mr. C. Jebamony Nadar.]

- (c) what action has been taken on the report?
- (d) whether the report has recommended any legislation;
- (e) if so, in what lines; and
- (f) whether members of the legislature have been supplied with copies of that report?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The report is still under the consideration of the Government.

(d) Yes.

(e) The report has not been published.

(f) The answer is in the negative.

Water cess for puduval wet lands in Tengamputtoor pakuthi.

41. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of tax-payers paying water cess for puduval wet lands in Tengamputtoor pakuthi in 1115 ;

(b) how many of them paid the cess in :

(i) four instalments ;

(ii) three instalments ;

(iii) two instalments ; and

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Proverthicar or the Accountant of the said pakuthi refused to accept the cess in four or three or two instalments ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (a) 3010.

(b) (1) 150.

(2) 100.

(3) 2760.

(c) No such instance has been reported.

Pattadars of Dharmapuram pakuthi.

42. [471]. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Pattadars paying one rupee and above one rupee in Dharmapuram pakuthi ;

(b) how many of them paid their tax for 1115 :

(i) in one instalment ;

(ii) in two instalments ;

(c) whether land tax of rupee one or more than that, is acceptable if paid in four instalments ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (a) 779.

(b) (i) 85.

(ii) 621.

(c) Yes.

Sinking of wells in South Travancore.

43. MR. D. FRANCIS (Kalkulam cum Vilavunkod) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names of the wells sunk or deepened during the years 1113, 1114 and 1115 at a cost of Rs. 100 and above for each well in the Taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam and Vilavunkod ?